

# Early Intervention for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children and their Families

Stakeholder's Meeting

May 24, 2006

# Housekeeping issues:

- Please turn your cell phones on silent or vibrate
- An agenda is included in your packet.
- We will have a break at 10:00 am as we move into our group activity and a break at 10:45.
- Evaluation forms are included in your packet. Please be sure to turn them in at the end of the meeting.

# Communication Etiquette

- One person communicates at a time.
- Before you speak, please identify yourself.

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- Please leave the room to communicate privately with another individual. Side conversations are to be avoided as they are distracting and their intent can be easily misinterpreted.
- Please use any microphones which are provided.

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- During review of distributed documents, please withhold comments until everyone has finished reading .
- When voting on issues, we will vote visually by raising our hands.

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- Thank you for being sensitive to all forms of communication.

(Communication Etiquette taken from the Michigan Coalition of Deaf and Hard of Hearing people.)

# Purpose of Stakeholder Meeting

- To identify and implement an evidence-based approach to achieve the design/redesign of Michigan's continuum of care system for children Birth-5 who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing and their families.

# Purpose

- To recognize the need to inform parents of all communication options, and to develop access to a broad range of services.



# Goal:

- To provide recommendations to improve the continuum of care for children Birth-5 who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing through:
  - ◆ 1) Informing parents of all early intervention services
  - ◆ 2) Developing reasonable access to a broad range of high quality services for families

# Anticipated Outcomes:

- Acceptance of the vision statement to address a model system of care for early intervention services

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- First steps needed to improve a statewide system for Deaf and Hard of Hearing children Birth-5

# Stakeholder's Initiative Website and Email address

- [www.michigan.gov/ehdi](http://www.michigan.gov/ehdi)
- Handouts from March 28, 2006 meeting
- Email Comments to:  
[earlyinterventionforDHH@michigan.gov](mailto:earlyinterventionforDHH@michigan.gov)

# Workgroups:

- Policy/Funding
- Practice

- Notecards are on all the tables, please feel free to add comments throughout the meeting. Please make them as specific as possible.
- Please fill out the evaluation form at the end of the meeting.

**“When it comes to the future,  
there are three kinds of people:  
those who let it happen, those who  
make it happen, and those who  
wonder what happened.”**

**John M. Richardson, Jr.**